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Thorough examination and careful review of the application by the Examiner is noted and appreciated.

The gracious allowance of claims 14, 19-29 and 35 is further noted and appreciated.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-3, 6, 10, 12-13, 17 and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Takeda '670 in view of Yoshida et al. '013.

Claims 1-3, 6, 10, 12-13, 17 and 32 have been cancelled and withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner.

Claims 4, 9, 11, 31 and 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Takeda and Yoshida et al and further in view of Ngo '817.

Claims 4, 9, 11, 31 and 33 have been cancelled and withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner.

Claims 5, 7, 15 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Takeda, Yoshida et al and Ritenour '091.

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Claim 15 has been amended to correct typographical errors such that the amended claim 15 correctly depends on independent claim 14, which is allowed. Claim 16 depends on claim 15. A reconsideration for allowance of dependent claims 15 and 16 is respectfully requested of the Examiner.

Claims 5 and 7 have been cancelled and withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner.

Claim 8 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Takeda, Yoshida et al and further in view of Periyathamby et al '176. Claims 8 and 30 have been cancelled and withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner.

Claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Takeda, Yoshida et al and further in view of Takeshita '770. Claim 18 has been cancelled and withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner.

Claim 34 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Takeda in view of Takeshita. Claim 34 has been cancelled and withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner.


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Based on the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims, i.e. claims 15-16, are now in condition for allowance. Such favorable consideration by the Examiner, together with the passage to issuance of allowed claims 14, 19-29 and 35, is respectfully requested of the Examiner at an early date.

In the event that the present invention is not in a condition for allowance for any other reason, the Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicants' representative at (248) 540-4040 so that any necessary action may be taken to place the application in a condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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